Dan Brand and Tipi
DAN! TIPI! COME HERE—QUICK! OUR BATTLE PLANS FOR THE SPRING OFFENSIVE —THEY'RE GONE!
AN URGENT CALL FROM GENERAL WASHINGTON —AND THE MAN-HUNT IS ON! THE FUTURE OF AN ARMY AND A NATION HANGS IN THE BALANCE FOR ONE FATEFUL DAY. BUT IT'S ALL IN A DAY'S WORK OF DANGER FOR DAN BRAND AND TIPI — WHEN THEY TAKE UP
THE TRAIL OF THE TRAITOR!

BUT WE'VE BEEN WATCHING THIS TENT, GENERAL. NO ONE'S COME IN OR OUT EXCEPT YOUR ORDERLY.
THEN LET'S GET TO HIS TENT RIGHT AWAY!

GONE! AND HE TRIED TO MAKE IT LOOK AS THOUGH HE WERE STILL HERE-ASLEEP! HE WAS A SPY ALL THE TIME!
HIS PIPE'S STILL WARM! HE LEFT RECENTLY— AND IN A HURRY!

LET'S GO, TIPI—ON THAT TRAITOR'S TRAIL! MAYBE WE CAN STILL CATCH HIM AND BRING HIM BACK!
YOU MUST, DAN-YOU MUST IF THE BRITISH EVER GET THOSE BATTLE PLANS, WE'RE LOST!

REMEMBER—I WANT THAT MAN BACK—ALIVE WE MUST FIND OUT WHO ELSE HE'S IN CONTACT WITH! GODSPEED!
GET THAT, TIPI— ALIVE! THOSE ARE OUR ORDERS!

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THIS TRAIL'S STILL FRESH. WE MUST BE HARD ON HIS HEELS.
LOOK DAN— IT LEADS OFF THE ROAD!

THERE'S HIS HORSE! HE WENT ON FOOT FROM HERE.
HE WENT UP THIS MOUNTAIN, I'M SURE. IT'S TOO STEEP FOR A HORSE. COME ON, TIPI.

AT THAT MOMENT AT THE TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN...
ONCE OVER THIS MOUNTAIN AND ACROSS THE RIVER— AND I'LL BE ALL RIGHT. I DON'T THINK ANYONE'S ON MY TRAIL YET. MUST HURRY...HURRY— WAS THAT A GROWL I HEARD...?

AFTER A FEW MOMENTS THE ALERTED BEAR PEERS OUT OF HER CAVE TO SEE IF ANYONE ELSE THREATENS HER YOUNG — AND SEES...
HE WENT THIS WAY, ALL RIGHT. SEE THAT SCRAPED STONE? THAT CRUSHED LEAF? THERE'S BLOOD ON THIS BRAMBLE—HE SCRATCHED HIMSELF HERE AND...

A BEAR! SHE MUST HAVE CUBS NEARBY! DUCK, TIPI!

I'LL TAKE THE HIGH ROAD...!
AND I'LL TAKE THE LOW...!

AND NOW, TOGETHER—!
GOT HER! BUT WE'VE LOST PRECIOUS TIME!

MEANWHILE, THE SPY HAS COME QUICKLY DOWN THE OTHER SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN AND IS ALMOST ACROSS THE RIVER...
ONCE OVER THIS BRIDGE AND I'M IN A BRITISH-OCCUPIED TERRITORY AND SAFE. LUCKY I KNEW ABOUT THIS BRIDGE...

HERE'S ONE CASE WHERE IT DOES PAY TO CUT DOWN YOUR BRIDGES BEHIND YOU—JUST IN CASE I AM BEING FOLLOWED! THE RIVER'S SWOLLEN FROM SPRING RAINS...NO ONE CAN SWIM IT!

MEANWHILE...
THAT FOOT BRIDGE WAS JUST CUT AWAY—OUR SPY MUST HAVE DONE IT! BLAZES!
THAT'S GOING TO BE A MIGHTY ROUGH RIVER TO SWIM, DAN!

BUT SWIM IT, WE MUST- STICK CLOSE TO ME, TIPI!
RIGHT WITH YOU, DAN!

THIS RIVER'S SO SWIFT WE GET PUSHED THREE FEET DOWNSTREAM, FOR EVERY INCH WE MAKE ACROSS ... MY ARMS ARE READY TO FALL OFF!
SAVE YOUR BREATH, TIPI...

WE MADE IT, DAN! FOR A WHILE THERE, I THOUGHT WE WOULDN'T!
BUT WE'RE ABOUT A MILE DOWNSTREAM FROM WHERE THE SPY CROSSED! WE LOST PRECIOUS TIME AND DISTANCE!

BLIMEY! WOT A SOFT SENTRY POST WE LANDED TODAY! NOBODY COMES BY THIS WAY—EVER! NOT EVEN A MAJOR!
STOW THE BLOODY CHATTER AN' PAY MORE ATTENTION TO THE GAME!

GRRMMMPFG!
MIND IF WE BREAK UP THIS GAME? WE HAVE USE FOR THOSE HORSES, REDCOATS—EVEN IF WE HAVE NO USE FOR YOU!

A SHORT WHILE LATER...
AH, RIGHT ON TIME! I HAVE THE BATTLE PLANS!
EXCELLENT! I BROUGHT YOU A HORSE. MOUNT QUICKLY—WE'LL RIDE TO HEADQUARTERS AND THERE YOU'LL GET YOUR MONEY.

BUT BEFORE THE SPY AND THE BRITISH OFFICER CAN RIDE MUCH FARTHER...
YOU'LL COLLECT YOUR REWARD RIGHT HERE, SPY!

HARK, TIPI—THE SOUND OF HORSES! QUICK—INTO THE BUSHES!
IT MUST BE A BRITISH PATROL!

I SAY, ISN'T THAT LIEUTENANT BUNTING LYING AT THE SIDE OF THE ROAD? STOP, MEN!
FIRST THE TWO SENTRIES DOWN THE RIVER AND NOW THE LIEUTENANT! THERE ARE COLONIALS ON THIS SIDE OF THE RIVER!

THE CAPTAIN AND I WILL TAKE CARE OF LIEUTENANT BUNTING. YOU MEN SCATTER! RIDE UP AND DOWN THE RIVER BANK—THE REBELS WILL HAVE TO CROSS IT AND WE'LL CATCH THEM THERE!

HELP! HALP! HALP! GLUB!
WHAT WAS THAT?
IN THOSE BUSHES, SIR!

WE'LL INVESTIGATE. YOU FIRST, CAPTAIN!
RIGHT, SIR. YOU FIRST, LIEUTENANT!
R-R-RIGHT, SIR!

WHY, I SAY! IT'S OUR SPY!
BUT WHERE ARE THE ONES WHO CAPTURED HIM FROM YOU?

RIGHT HERE!

QUICK! RIDE DOWNSTREAM—EVERYBODY! REBELS HAVE BEEN LOCATED DOWN THERE! HURRY!
RIGHT, SIR! LET'S GO, MEN!

WELL, THAT GOT ALL THOSE REDCOATS FAR DOWNSTREAM.
WHICH LEAVES THIS UPSTREAM PART CLEARED FOR OUR CROSSING. BUT HOW?

I NOTICED A SMALL ROWBOAT JUST UNDER THAT BANK, TIPI — GET IT. I'LL USE THIS ROPE THAT WAS LEFT HERE TO REPAIR THE BRIDGE...

GOOD! THAT END SHOULD GET WELL TANGLED UP IN THOSE BRANCHES.
I GET IT— WE FERRY OURSELVES ACROSS!

HALP! HALP! HALP!
THIS SPY WILL ATTRACT THE REDCOATS, YET!

AND THE OTHER SIDE IS REACHED...
AND HE DID! THEY'RE SHOOTING AT US — RUN FOR IT!
SERVES YOU RIGHT, FOOL! YOUR FRIENDS, THE REDCOATS WILL TRY TO KILL YOU NOW, TOO!
YIIIII! MY LEG!

I SEE NO NEED FOR YOU TO RISK YOUR LIFE WITH THAT SPY, DAN!
WE'RE UNDER ORDERS TO BRING HIM BACK ALIVE AND THAT WE SHALL! WE'LL BE UNDER COVER IN A MOMENT—THEN UP THAT MOUNTAIN...

AT THE TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN...
RRRRRRRR!

ANOTHER BEAR! IT MUST BE THE MATE TO THE ONE WE KILLED BEFORE! DUCK!
I'M SO EXHAUSTED!

WEAKENED BY EXHAUSTION, DAN AND TIPI DUCK TOO LATE...
RR-R-R-ROW-R!
YAHHHHHH!

TIPI'S BEEN KNOCKED UNCONSCIOUS! AND MY ARM— IT'S BROKEN— PINNED!... BUT THIS IS UP TO ME NOW... MY KNIFE... GOT TO GET IT OUT...

A SHORT TIM LATER... GENERAL WASHINGTON'S SENTRIES SEE A STRANGE SIGHT...